

Remarks

The Office Action dated June 15, 2010 has been carefully considered. Applicants responded to same on July 28, 2010. In view of the Examiner Interview of August 4, 2010, and the restriction dated January 22, 2009, it is hereby requested pursuant to MPEP 821.04 that claims 12-17 (Group II), claims 21-22 (Group III) and claim 25 (Group IV), as amended, depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the allowable product claims be rejoined. MPEP 821.04 allows for the rejoinder of withdrawn claims directed to a nonelected invention when the withdrawn claims depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable claim. Applicants respectfully submit that the above stated withdrawn claims, as amended, depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the allowable claims and are in condition for rejoinder.

In light of the above amendments and request for rejoinder, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement of January 22, 2009, and rejoin amended claims 12-17, 21-22 and 25. Applicants respectfully submit the requested rejoined claims and the claims previously stated as being allowable are in condition for allowance.

Examiner Interview

Attorney for Applicants thanks Examiner Dollinger for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview conducted on August 4, 2010. Also, Attorney for Applicants agrees with the Interview Summary prepared by Examiner Dollinger dated August 17, 2010.

Conclusion

In light of the amendments and remarks presented herein, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. If, however, any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' counsel at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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